

United Airlines Pilots Master Executive Council



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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: FCC 04-288, NPRM to Facilitate Use of Cellular
Telephones and Other Wireless Devices Operated
Onboard Airborne Aircraft

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find an original, executed by the undersigned, and four (4) copies of the Statement of the United Airlines Pilots Master Executive Council, Air Line Pilots Association, International, AFL-CIO, in the above matter.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Robert H. Nichols

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Enclosures

cc: Captain Mark Bathurst
UAL-MEC
James Baas, Esq,

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Statement of the United Airlines Pilots Master Executive Council, Air Line Pilots Association, International to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to Facilitate the Use of Cellular Telephones and other Wireless Devices Operated Onboard Airborne Aircraft

Reference: FCC 04-288

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As part of its structure the MEC has a variety of pilot committees, with particular expertise in given areas of interest to the pilots it represents. Two of those committees are relevant to this matter, the United Pilots' Central Air Safety Committee and the Security Committee. Both have reviewed the proposed Cell Phone NPRM, and have discussed it extensively with their counter-parts at United.

Those Committees presented their views on this subject to the MEC during its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting during the week of April 18, 2005. Following their presentations, the MEC unanimously passed the following resolution:

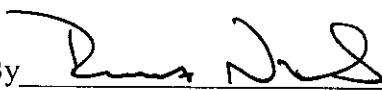
BE IT RESOLVED, the United MEC directs the Master Chairman to communicate in all possible venues our strong opposition to the use of cell phones on United aircraft while in flight.

Subsequent to that meeting, United Airlines has shared with the MEC the Response it proposes to file in this proceeding, and has discussed it with the MEC. Based upon that, the United MEC wishes to state as a matter of record in this proceeding that it fully endorses and supports the views expressed by United in its Response, and therefore opposes any changes in the regulations concerning cell phone usage in flight at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED PILOTS MASTER EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL

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